

he refuses both commission and salary, even his expenses, lest it should affect his seat in the House of Representatives. (To Gouverneur Morris, 1801. F. VIII., 49.)

NEGROES.—Never yet could I find that a black had uttered a thought above the level of plain narration; never seen even an elementary trait of painting or sculpture. In music they are generally more gifted than the whites, with accurate ears for tune and time, and they have been found capable of imagining a small catch. Whether they will be equal to the composition of a more extensive run of melody, or of complicated harmony, is yet to be proved. (From "Notes on. Virginia," 1782. F. III., 246.)

NEGROES.—Whether further observation will or will not verify the conjecture that nature has been less bountiful to them in the endowments of the head, I believe that in those of the heart she will be found to^o have done them justice. That disposition to theft with which they have been branded must be ascribed to their situation, and not *to* any depravity of the moral sense. The man in whose favor no laws of property exist, probably feels himself less bound to respect those made in favor of others. * * * It is a problem which I give to the master to solve whether the slave may not justifiably take a little from one who has taken all from him, as he may slay one who would slay him? (From "Notes on. Virginia," 1782. F. HI, 249.)

NEGROES.—It will probably be asked, "Why not retain and incorporate the blacks (after the proposed emancipation) into the State and thus save the expense of supplying by importation of white settlers, the vacancies they will leave?" Deep rooted prejudices entertained by the whites; ten thousand recollections by the blacks, of the injuries they have sustained; new provocations; the real distinctions which nature has made; and many other circumstances will divide us into parties, and produce convulsions, which will probably never end but in the extermination of the one or the other race. (From "Notes on Virginia," 1782. F. III, 244.)

NEGROES.—Nobody wishes more than I do to see such proofs